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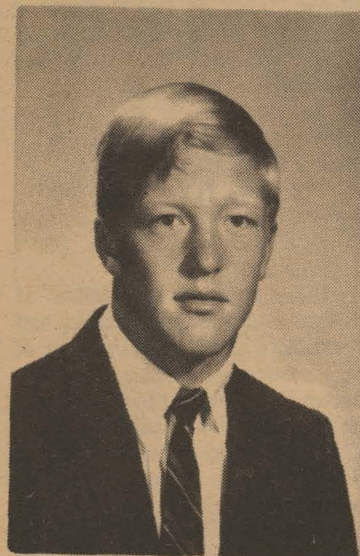
Yearbook staff is announced

The staff members for the LSU-S 1967-68 yearbook were announced Friday, October 13, by Mrs. Nancy Sexton, the yearbook sponsor.

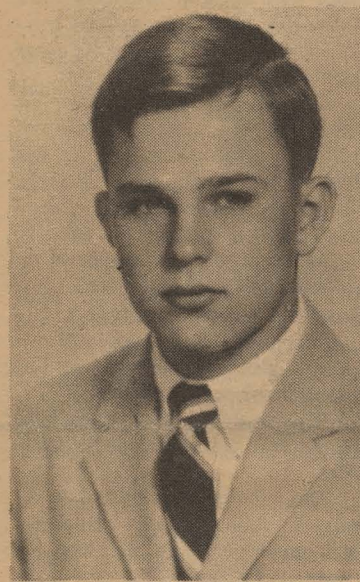
Editor-in-chief is Johnny West, while Jerry Montgomery is assistant editor. Johnny, a math major, is a graduate of C. E. Byrd. He worked on the Byrd yearbook, was a member of Quill and Scroll, Upper Latin Forum, varsity club, and National Honor Society. Jerry, a pre-law major, is also a Byrd graduate. His activities included the tennis team, National Forensic League, Vice-President of the Red Cross, and National Honor Society.

The staff members are Grace Copeland and Jeri-Lynn Rasch, in charge of the club section; Carolyn Sue Anderson and Lynn Sullivan, in charge of the class section; and Linda Spense, in charge of the faculty section. Lynn Sullivan will also be responsible for any art work. Barney Barnwell is the photographer and Randy Bailey is the assistant photographer. The yearbook introduction will be left to Johnny, and Jerry will handle the feature section.

The name of the yearbook will be selected by the staff and will not be announced until the yearbook comes out next spring. The activity fee will cover the payment for the yearbook.



JOHNNY WEST
Editor-in-chief of Yearbook



JERRY MONTGOMERY
Assistant Editor of Yearbook

807 Students Enroll For Fall Semester

Notice to students

Those students who are required to take the ACT and have not registered for the test must do so before November 8. Further information may be obtained in the Counselors' office in the Science Building.

Names to Numbers

Although there has been a great deal of discussion about the modern switch from names to numbers, names still merit a great deal of recognition. The task of choosing one for the LSU-Shreveport newspaper was indeed a difficult one, not to be taken lightly.

After much deliberation and elimination the final decision was made and approved by Mrs. Evelyn Herring, the LSU-S Publication's Committee, and Dean Donald Shipp.

ALMAGEST, suggested by Columnist Tara O'Brien, is derived from al and the Greek megiste meaning the greatest. It is defined in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary as "any of several early medieval treatises on a branch of knowledge."

Other ideas were TIGER TALES, and CORNUCOPIA.

Officer Elections

The schedule for LSU-Shreveport Freshman Class office elections for the Fall semester of 1967-68 is as follows:

Wednesday--October 25, 8:00 a.m.: Begin filing for office.
Friday--October 27, 4:00 p.m.: Deadline for filing for office.

Monday--October 30: Candidates qualified by Committee

Tuesday--October 31: Begin campaigns.

Tuesday--November 7, 12 Noon: Election Rallies

Friday--November 17: First Primary

Tuesday--November 21: Second Primary

Class offices to be filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative. Until the student government association is formally organized, these officers will serve as the student body officers.

In order to be eligible for election, a student must have the following qualifications:

1. He must be a full-time student with credit for less than 30 hours.
2. He must have an overall C plus or better average for his entire high school career.
3. He must submit a petition signed by 40 freshmen students prior to the close of the period of filing for office.
4. He shall not be on disciplinary, scholastic or attendance probation at the time of his nomination or election.

To be elected, all officers must receive a majority of the votes cast in the election. If no candidate receives a majority, the two receiving the largest number of votes shall be in a run-off election.

A vacant office will be filled by a special election.

A total of 807 students have enrolled at LSU-S Shreveport for the fall semester. Of the 807 students, 327 are women and 480 are men. The married students make up 42.9 per cent of the student body.

Mrs. Fabia E. Thomas, LSU-S registrar said, "Our student body appears to be representative of the college-age group of the northwest Louisiana area." A majority of the students, 644, are from Caddo parish. Bossier Parish has 111.

Of the 10 out-of-state students, seven are in nursing. They represent the states of Arkansas, California, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia. Representing our Latin American neighbors is one freshman from Costa Rica.

The student body consists of 756 freshmen, 32 sophomores and 2 juniors. Ten of our part time students have undergraduate degrees, and one who has received an advanced degree is working on a degree in another field.

"Of the 756 students classified as freshmen, 131 have some previous college experience. A student is classified as a freshman until he earns credit for 30 semester hours and has a 2.0 overall average," Mrs. Thomas said.

The academic fields of the greatest interest are business administration, with 201 students giving it as their major; 166 gave the sciences; education has 133; and 118 have liberal arts majors.

Of the full-time students, 184 have a 15 hour schedule, 56 are carrying 18 hours, and 12 students are taking 19 semester hours. A grand total of 11,160 hours were scheduled for this semester.

Classified as veterans of the armed forces are 80 of the male LSU students. Five served in World War II, three in the Korean Conflict, one served in both World War II and Korea, and 70 have served since the Korean conflict.



Busily planning the first newspaper edition are newly-chosen staff members, Russell Knighton, Asst. Editor, Suzette Severs, Editor-in-Chief, James Oliver, Feature Editor and Tara O'Brien, Columnist.

Open House at LSU-S

LSU in Shreveport will hold an open house for the public from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31. Classes will be dismissed at 12:00 noon that day.

The open house will be an informal affair with no speeches or formal greetings. Buildings will be opened to the public. President John A. Hunter and

other University officials will be present to welcome visitors.

Dean Donald E. Shipp stated that he had received numerous inquiries about an open house for the public. He stated that a more formal dedication of the new buildings on the LSU-S campus would be held at a later time.

THE FIRST STUDENT BODY

Students of L.S.U. in Shreveport, you are indeed fortunate to be among the members of the first student body. Those of you with a pioneering spirit should feel an extra tinge of excitement knowing that you, in a sense, are the college.

Of course we have no traditions, no reputation. Next year we shall have them, but who is to decide what they are to be, and above all what will they be?

The answer to this is quite obvious; we the students shall decide. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you represent the University. By what you are seen doing or heard saying, the university is judged.

Whether our reputation shall be good or bad, I do not know. I can only speak for myself when I say that I shall endeavor to make it a good one. What will you do?

Pen still mightier than the sword

In this age of atomic warfare, national and international misunderstandings, and broken peace treaties—the pen is still mightier than the sword.

Just as the United Nations, the House of Parliament, and the Ecumenical Council are organizations—so are we, the first student body of LSU-Shreveport. To remain united we must maintain a form of written communication. The ALMAGEST newspaper staff wishes to serve you in this purpose.

We pledge to give you the news with accuracy and sincerity, unbiased and impartial. We promise you truthfulness and complete facts. We will give criticism—and accept it gladly.

All that is asked is your help and cooperation. We are only acting as mediators, and we are certainly not infallible.

We are all bound by a common bond, the union being solid and stable thus far. But to remain so will take the participation of every student and every faculty member attending LSU.

Will you meet the challenge?

School Spirit

by Rodney M. Baker

Louisiana State University in Shreveport has no school spirit, no college atmosphere, no traditions, nothing remotely associated with student organization, and no upperclassmen to look to for guidance.

There is a three-story science building, with its classrooms and offices. There is even a library with more books than all of us could read in our stay here.

Everyone on campus is a newcomer, from Dean Shipp or our English teacher, to you or me. The only long-time resident around here is the idea of this place in the hearts and minds of the leaders of this state and community. Where is there spirit and tradition in that?

We are responsible for making LSU-S the kind of university we want. Are we going to make this a "specialized high school," a "kiddie-land" for children? Serious consideration must be given to the type of school this is to be. All of the ingredients are here for making it anything we want. We should make it the school we will be proud to say we helped start. That's right WE are starting a school. We never thought of it that way. We are the ones that couldn't wait until it was all over.

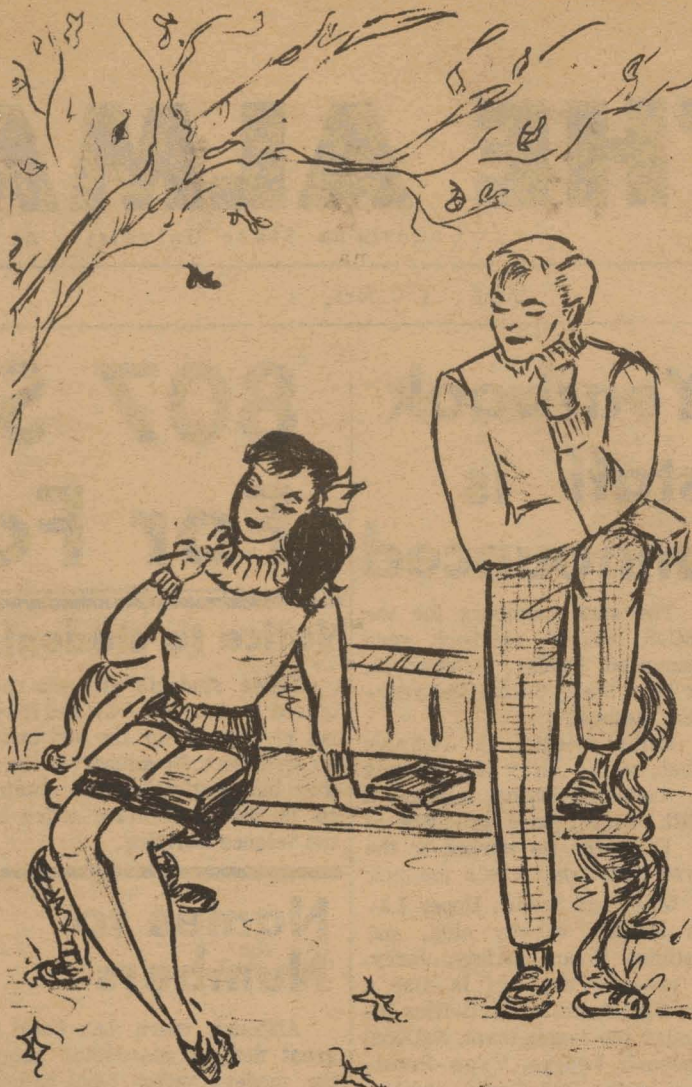
As young adults we have the ability to make these new walls of the first buildings here remember us. We are faced with the possibility of spending at least two years here, so if we make it like we want it, we have to enjoy our stay.

It is easy to look at the problems, the parking lot is already too small, or we cannot get some of the classes we want. These problems are quickly finding solutions. Let's not look at the end of the idea this first year.

No class will have the opportunity to shape things to fit, as we have in our grasp right now. At no time will ideas fall on more receptive ears, eager to hear what we want and need here.

We have the opportunity to shape our environment, it will be so much better to shape it like we want it. The time for having things done for us is over; it is to be how we make it.

We can build school spirit, college atmosphere, tradition, and student organization. By the time this work is underway, we will be the upperclassmen next year's entering freshmen will be looking to for guidance.



"CONCENTRATION"

LSU-S Library

The LSU-S library, with Mr. Malcolm Parker as head librarian, has been opened for service to the students since the time of registration this year.

Other people in charge of the library are William McCleary, reference librarian; Mrs. Oree Ball, Circulation librarian; Mrs. Elaine Walz, library assistant in the circulation department; Mrs. Mattie Mosley, cataloger.

Miss Marilyn Willis, acquisitions librarian; Mrs. Wanda Berry, library assistant in acquisitions; Mrs. Dorcas McCormick, library assistant in charge of preparations and binding; and Mrs. Katherine Stone who teaches the classes of books and libraries.

In the library collection there are approximately 7,000 cataloged books and an additional 3,000 books which are awaiting cataloging. "Reference sources in the library are the same as would be found in any other academic library of this size," said Mr. Malcolm Parker. The reference department is located to the right of the right of the front entrance.

All major writers, including American, English, French, and Spanish, are or will soon be represented in the library. Novels are classified in this library as literature and will not be found in a separate fiction collection.

In order to check out a book, a student must present the book, he desires to check out with his ID card at the Circulation Desk. Books are charged out for three weeks. At this time, they should be returned through the return slot in the Circulation Desk or through the outside book return when the library is closed. "The library provides a copying service for the convenience of students at the rate of 5¢ per page. In order to use this service, one

should bring the material to be copied to the Circulation Desk and fill out a Request for Material to be Copied to the Circulation Desk and fill out a Request for Material to be Copied and leave this at the Circulation Desk for copying."

Because typing tables haven't been received the typing room won't be available for student use until they arrive. This should be within a month.

Future plans are to develop a library collection that will support the teaching problem of a two-year campus.

"Much of the back-file material will be acquired in microform as much of the material is no longer available in book form. Equipment will be made available for the use of this type material either for reading or for securing copies when needed."

"I would prefer that the students make a concerted effort to learn to use the material available to them in the Library as soon as possible. Library staff members for individual service is extremely limited. We can only provide service to all students when students learn to use the material for themselves rather than depend on librarians for individual help and guidance," states Mr. Malcolm Parker.

Dean Shipp

Before being named to the position of Dean of LSU-S in 1965, Dr. Donald E. Shipp was Professor of Education and Assistant Dean of the College of Education on the LSU of Baton Rouge campus. Dr. Shipp had been a school principal and teacher of mathematics and science prior to joining the University faculty in 1959.

The Dean has earned the BS degree at Northwestern State College and his MS and PhD. degrees at LSU.

Dean Shipp is a member of the Educational Association and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He has been an active member of Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity and Phi Kappa Phi Scholastic Honor Society. He is a member of the executive council of the Louisiana Teachers Association and Executive Secretary of the La. Education Research Association. He has combined offices in honorary and professional organizations with speaker and consultant duties for many educational conferences at national, state, and local levels.

Dr. Shipp is the author of twenty-eight articles in state and national magazines such as the Journal of Educational Research, the Peabody Journal of education, and the Arithmetic Teacher. In addition, he has authored or co-authored eleven books and booklets. Of these include a college textbook and reports of research studies published by La. educational organizations.

The new Dean served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Dean Shipp's immediate family include his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Suzie, 18, who attends LSU Baton Rouge, and Mitzi, attending Youree Drive Junior High School of Shreveport. Dean Shipp's favorite hobbies are electronics and wood-working.

Football Schedule

FUTURE GAMES

Oct. 28	LSU at Tennessee (Con.)
Nov. 4	LSU at Mississippi State (Con.)
Nov. 11	Alabama at LSU (Con.)
Nov. 18	Mississippi at LSU (Con.)
Nov. 25	Tulane at LSU

The Bengals are now 2-0 in conference play and 4-1 in over-all games played, meet 4th ranked Tennessee. Last week the Volunteers defeated powerful Alabama.

The ALMAGEST

Editor in chief.....	Suzette Severs
Assistant Editor.....	Russell Knighton
Feature Editors.....	Ann Landers, James Oliver
Columnists.....	Tara O'Brien, Sandra Pruitt
Newspaper advisor.....	Mrs. Evelyn Herring
Photographer.....	Reggie Ward, Jr.
Reporters.....	John Adams, Rodney Baker, Jr., Shirley Burnett, Glen Davis, Susan Day, Rita Dean, Chris Shumate.
Typist.....	Susanne Richardson

WELCOME

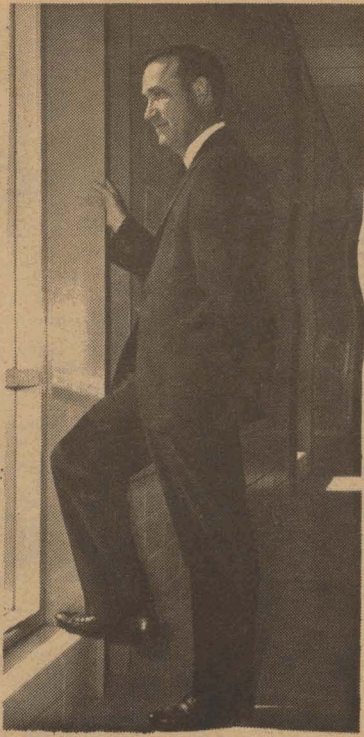
Dear Students:

I am happy to use the first issue of your campus newspaper to welcome you as the first class to LSU in Shreveport. With the registration of 807 students, we now join the other five campuses that make up our state university system. The great interest shown in LSU by parents and students here has been very gratifying to the faculty and staff.

This newest branch of your state university has been very fortunate in securing a highly qualified faculty. The thirty-eight faculty members were selected from more than 300 applicants for faculty positions. You, as our first class of students, have a unique opportunity to receive a first-rate college education and to set a pattern of high standards for future classes. The necessary ingredients are here. Your own attitude and persistence will largely determine the quality of the education that you receive.

Best wishes for a happy and successful first year at college.

/s/ Donald E. Shipp
Dean



1967-68 Newspaper Staff Publishes the ALMAGEST

The ALMAGEST, a bi-monthly publication, will attempt to communicate to the student-body and faculty, through the efforts of the newly selected editorial staff and reporters, which were chosen by Mrs. Evelyn C. Herring, the newspaper advisor, October 3, 1967.

The Editor-in-chief of the first form of student publication at LSU-S is Suzette Severs. A Woodlawn graduate, Suzette received her training as news reporter and feature editor for the WOODLAWN HERALD and TIMES reporter. She is a journalism major.

Assisting Miss Severs will be Russell Knighton as Assistant Editor. He gained experience as news reporter, sports editor, and news editor for the HERALD.

Those chosen to write stories of particular interest were Columnists Tara O'Brien and Sandra Pruitt. Tara, a former Byrdite, was a HI LIFE reporter and feature writer. Fair Parker Sandra Pruitt worked her way from a POW WOW reporter to the position of managing editor.

In charge of feature editing and writing are Ann Landers of

"Miss Flame"

Kathy Kramer, a student at LSU-Shreveport, was chosen from among five other girls to represent Shreveport and the fire department as "Miss Flame for 1967. The contest was held during the yearly Fire Prevention Week sponsored by the city's fire department.

Miss Kramer was crowned by Public Safety Commissioner George D'Artois. The pretty co-ed, succeeds Pat McGuire, another, LSU-S student, to the throne. Kathy had to compete and defeat four other contestants on the basis of poise, speaking talent, and personality. The red-haired winner received a trophy, a number of gifts and an expense-paid trip to Dallas for a week as a guest of the city of Dallas.

The former Byrd graduate concluded her interview with,

St. Vincent's Academy and James Oliver, a Byrd graduate. At St. Vincent's, Ann was a reporter, feature, editor, and literary columnist for the LITTLE VIN. James gained experience as a sports and feature reporter for the HI LIFE.

The staff of reporters consist of John Adams, Rodney Baker, Jr., Shirley Burnett, Glen Davis, Susan Day, Rita Dean, and Chris Shumate. Suzanne Richardson will assist in typing.

The ALMAGEST has as its photographer, Reggie Ward, Jr., whose work has appeared in the TIMES.

Organizations

Students wishing to charter an organization must file a "Request for Permission to Organize" in the counselor's office with Mrs. Lurline Dark.

Mrs. Dark stated, "The Counselors and the Committee on Student Organizations wish to encourage those student organizations which make the social life of the University more gracious, or the intellectual life more stimulating, or the spiritual life more satisfying. We recognize that student organizations offer experiences in assuming responsibilities and leadership, in developing traits of character and qualities of personality which have permanent value, and in participating in cooperative enterprises which emphasize worthy ideals.

On the other hand we feel that unless a student organization contributes definitely to the attainment of the general aim of university education, it should be discouraged as a needless tax on the student's time, energy, and money.

"It's fabulous! I've met a number of firemen and they are all nice and considerate."

Kathy plans to major in interior decorating. She begins her freshman year at LSU-S while living at her parent's home, Mr. and Mrs. John Hargraves of 6109 Annette Street.

Baptist Union first to organize

The Baptist Student Union was the first organization to hold a meeting at LSU-S. The Reverend William Stowell of Emanuel Baptist Church was the guest speaker for the October 3 meeting held in the auditorium. The guest speakers for the following two meetings were Miss Nellie B. Strother and Mrs. Lurline Dark.

Aiding the students in BSU, is the Reverend Robert W. Childress, Baptist Student Director of the colleges of Shreveport. Miss Neva Norsworthy is the temporary sponsor. The officers, holding temporary positions, are president, Terry Hansen; program chairman, Karen Newton; and publicity chairman, Jacquelyn Hunt.

At present the meetings are being held in the auditorium at 11:00 on Tuesdays.

Attending the BSU state convention at Lake Charles, held Oct. 13th through Oct. 15th, from LSU-S was Terry Hansen. Services, fellowships, and seminars, in which summer missionaries, pastors, and evangelists participated, were held for the students. According to Terry, "We met for a period of Christian fellowship, spiritual edification, and to reaffirm our commitments to Christ to live and witness daily for him on our college and university campuses."

Some of the objectives of BSU work are to guide the students in worship and devotional experiences, involve them in Christian social life and recreation, lead them to examine academic disciplines from a Christian perspective, and to inspire the students spiritually.

Those interested in joining BSU are encouraged to attend the meetings. For further information, contact any of the officers.



"Hello Shreveport" smile foreign students Maria Del Carmen Garcia and Edward Littleton as they enter the LSU-S Library.

CAMPUS PERSONALITIES

The first issue of the ALMAGEST has chosen to present to you as feature personalities the two people who have traveled the greatest distance to join the student body of LSU-Shreveport.

When Fidel Castro staged his revolution in Cuba, Maria Del Carmer Garcia left her father's sugar plantation in Holguin, Cuba, for Mexico. From there she came to Shreveport where she has enrolled at LSU-S.

Maria is a pre-med major and plans to specialize in pediatrics in medical school. When she was asked why she is attending LSU-S Maria said she liked LSU-S and the idea of being one of the first to start in a new school. Going a little further she commented that "Everything is great and if everyone cooperates it will be a good college."

Maria named the hamburger as her favorite American food. And she enjoys basketball and swimming. With a soft accent she shyly admitted that she enjoys playing the guitar, reading Spanish literature and listening to American music.

South of Mexico and north of Panama is the Central American country of Costa Rica. From the Costa Rican port city of Kuepos, Edward Littleton came to Shreveport and LSU-S. Although Edward has lived in Costa Rica most of his life, he is originally from England.

Edward has lived in the United States for several years. He went to high school in Stockton, California, for two years. He then wrote to the Board of Education in New Orleans about some of the colleges in the South. He chose to come to a southern college because the agricultural conditions here are similar to

those of his country. From a list compiled by the Board of Education, Ed chose LSU-S. And of course, he has chosen agronomy as his major.

"The people are friendly and I'm happy with LSU," says Ed. He plans to attend classes at the main campus in the future and obtain his degree. Then he wants to return to Costa Rica where he will help the people to learn a better system of agriculture. The trans-planted Englishman will travel to England for on-the-job training after he gets his B. S. degree here.

He enjoys living away from home but will travel back to Costa Rica during the summer and Christmas holidays.

Coming from what was once an English colony, Edward naturally enjoys soccer but is picking up American football as his second favorite sport. He also enjoys baseball.

Ed commented on some of the differences in customs of the people in Latin countries and in the U.S. He said the dating habits were different. A boy and a girl have to be properly introduced in Costa Rica. All dates are chaperoned by older people. And the dates discuss the plans for the evening with the adults. (That makes the reporter glad to live in America, "the land of the free.")

On U.S. foreign policy, he said, "The U.S. is helping thru development in Central American countries and because of this leadership there is no problem with communism in my country."

The ALMAGEST serves as a link between individual students. Thru the personality page, we present people you'd like to know.



Mrs. Marilyn Coil displays pictures of cities in Italy and Spain, two of the cities on the itinerary.

Slides of proposed tour to be shown

Building Programs

by Rodney Baker

An idea has become a reality. Not long ago this place was a mere cotton patch. Now three proud buildings stand here. These buildings represent an idea, a dream, in stone, glass, and wood. These three structures stand guard over a two-hundred acre plot, waiting for their reinforcements which are soon to arrive.

A two story library building, a three story science building, and a utilities plant now hold down the fort.

The next project planned involves a student union, a liberal arts building, an auditorium, and a gymnasium. Later there are plans for science and engineering, business administration, teacher education, agriculture and home economics, and physical education buildings. All of these buildings are to be located on this 200 acre tract with plenty of room left for future growth.

Our outstanding library is destined to become one of the best in the state. The second floor of this building is utilized by fourteen classrooms, 28 faculty offices, and various special services rooms.

The three story science building houses 20 laboratories, 13 classrooms, 16 faculty offices, and a 300 seat lecture auditorium. Offices for the Dean, Registrar, Counselors, and Business Management are on the first floor.

The remaining building is the utilities plant. The internals of this structure serve to meet the requirements of providing light, heat, and water for the other two buildings and for those to

Slides of a twenty-one day European tour offered to LSU-S students are being shown to any interested parties on Wed., November 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

Arrangements for the tour will be made by Mrs. Marilyn Coil, English instructor, through Student Tours International. Mrs. Coil has traveled in all countries on the itinerary during her four trips to Europe and her term at The University of London. Also accompanying them will be an experienced multi-lingual European Courier who will arrange all reservations and assist in translations.

The itinerary includes nights in the following major cities: Amsterdam, Holland; Cologne and Heidelberg, Germany; Lucerne, Switzerland; Innsbruck, Austria; Venice, Florence, Rome, and La Spezia, Italy; Nice, Lyon, and Paris, France; and London, England.

Other cities visited en route are Bonn, Zurich, Assisi, Pisa, and Avignon.

The cost of the tour, \$777, includes the Trans-Atlantic jet fare, motorcoach transportation throughout, flight from Paris to London, hotel accommodations, and all meals. The price covers also all meeting and transfer services between airports, piers, hotel, and even tips.

A brochure may be obtained from Mrs. Coil in Room 216 of the Library after class hours.

come.

There is a tremendous amount of building and growth going on out here. The master plan is designed to facilitate a different kind of growth. That growth will be in the utilization of the young minds attending classes and the influence education will play on their intellect.



Mr. William McCleary, Reference Librarian, assists students Linda Brown and Roger Lindsey.


THANK YOU

Mrs. Phyllis Tyler, Office of the Registrar, would like to express sincere appreciation to those students who worked in the office during the first registration at LSU in Shreveport.

"Registration was conducted

as planned and was carried through precisely thanks to your cooperation and assistance. You performed your varied tasks well and earned the admiration of both faculty and staff," according to her statement.

Young lady in Madison Park area is willing to transport students to and from campus for \$2.00 a week. If interested come to Room 212 or 214 for further information.

 BUILDINGS NOW COMPLETED

1. Teacher Ed.
2. Bus. Ad.
3. Gym
4. Phys. Ed.
5. Auditorium
6. Liberal Arts
7. Sc. & Eng.
8. Ag. & H. Ec.
9. Stu. Union

